GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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SUPPLY OF COAL TO GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of requirement of coal in Gujarat at present;

(b) the quantity and value of various quality of coal supplied to Gujarat during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure sufficient supply of coal to the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a)&(b): The demand for coal is assessed sector-wise for the whole financial year and not state-wise. The details regarding the quantity of coal supplied to various consumers in the State of Gujarat during the last three years from Coal India sources are as under:

(Figs. In `000 tonnes)

Year	Quantity
1997-98	17249
1998-99	15703
1999-2000	16447

Coal companies are not having the exact value of coal supplied to any particular State, since accounts are maintained consumer-wise. However, the approximate value of coal supplied to the consumers of Gujarat in the year 1997-98 to 1999-2000 is as under:

Year	Value (Rs.in crores)
1997-98	1315
1998-99	1225
1999-2000(prov)	1315

(c): Coal companies are fully capable to meet the requirement of consumers in the State of Gujarat. Priority isaccorded in coal supplies to core sector consumers like power, cement and steel. Supply of coal to the power sector is being monitored by an Inter Ministerial Group and appropriate action is taken wherever necessary to ensure that adequate supply of coal to the power sector is maintained.